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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THOROUGH, INFORMATIVE REFTEL
FROM OSLO. SINCE CSCE IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE MAJOR ITEM
ON AGENDA AT WARSAW MEETING IN JUNE, WE BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT THAT US BE REPRESENTED AND DESIRABLE THAT THIS
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BE IN FORM OF FULL, PARTICIPATING DELEGATION RATHER THAN

OBSERVERS. WITH THIS AS THE GOAL, WE THINK IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE US PARTICIPATION IN ALL PREPARATORY MEETINGS, INCLUDING OSLO.

2. LOOKING AT THREE POSSIBLE APPROACHES OUTLINED IN OSLO REFTTEL, WE DO NOT THINK IT FEASIBLE TO ARRANGE MEANINGFUL US PARTICIPATION THROUGH "INTERNATIONALS." GIVEN THE INDICATIONS IN REFTELS B AND C THAT THE GERMANS APPEAR WILLING TO SPONSOR USYC PARTICIPATION WITH THE POLES DOING THE SAME FOR THE ACYPL, WE THINK EMBASSY OSLO SHOULD URGE THAT USYC BE INVITED TO OSLO WITH STATUS SIMILAR TO FINNISH AND YUGOSLAV NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS. AS ALTERNATIVE, USYC WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT OBSERVER STATUS AT OSLO, ON CONDITION THAT THIS WOULD

NOT PREJUDICE FULL ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN DELEGATION AT WARSAW INCLUDING USYC, BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO IT. SINCE ACYPL IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A MAJOR REORGANIZATION, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION AT OSLO, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY OF JOINT USYC-ACYPL DELEGATION AT WARSAW SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. (IF THERE IS QUICK PROGRESS IN REORGANIZATION OF ACYPL, ITS PARTICIPATION AT SUBSEQUENT PREPARATORY MEETINGS MAY BECOME POSSIBLE.)

3. EUROPEANS ARE CORRECT THAT USYC IS MORE NARROW THAN EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS, BUT FACT IS THAT IT IS THE MOST BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE YOUTH UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION IN THIS COUNTRY. MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY INCLUDE YOUNG DEMOCRATS, YOUNG REPUBLICANS, COLLEGE DEMOCRATS, COLLEGE REPUBLICANS, NAACP YOUTH DIVISION, YMCA, YWCA, NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH COMMITTEE, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE, NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH COUNCIL AMONG OTHERS. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY NATIONALLY-BASED US YOUTH ORGANIZATION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS. USYC IS ACTIVELY ATTEMPTING TO EXPAND ITS MEMBERSHIP.

4. CURRENT ACYPL REORGANIZATION HOPEFULLY WILL RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN SIGNIFICANT BROADENING AND EXPANSION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP THUS DISPLACING EUROPEANS' PERCEPTION OF IT SO APTLY DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL. NOTWITHSTANDING ACCURACY OF THIS APPRAISAL AT PRESENT, MANY OF THOSE AFFILIATED WITH ACYPL ALREADY HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ACYPL REORGANIZATION WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHIN TWO MONTHS, AND IF SO, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ACYPL

PARTICIPATION AT WARSAW WILL ALSO DESERVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

5. ACYPL EXEC DIRECTOR SPENCER OLIVER STRONGLY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNWISE AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO ACCEPT OBSERVER STATUS AT WARSAW, WHILE USYC MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS OPTION. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES OLIVER'S VIEW AND BELIEVES THAT GOAL SHOULD BE FULL-FLEDGED PARTICIPATION FOR US. IF INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO WARSAW, DEPARTMENT WILL ASSURE REPRESENTATIVE US DELEGATION.

6. FYI: OLIVER INDICATED THAT THE ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (AAYPL), WITH WHICH THE ACYPL IS AFFILIATED, MAY BE CONSIDERING

SEEKING AN INVITATION TO WARSAW. HE IS CONTEMPLATING CALLING ELLMAN ELLINGSON, A NORWEGIAN IN OSLO WHO IS CURRENTLY SEC-GEN OF THE AAYPL TO SEE WHERE THINGS STAND. WE TOLD HIM THAT IN OUR OPINION THIS WOULD ALMOST SURELY BE A NON-STARTER, SINCE THE AAYPL IS CONSIDERED CONSERVATIVE AND NATO-ORIENTED BY MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN YOUTH GROUPS, AND THAT SUCH AN APPROACH COULD CONCEIVABLY JEOPARDIZE THE CHANCES OF DIRECT US PARTICIPATION. THUS WE DID NOT RPT NOT ENDORSE SUCH AN AAYPL INITIATIVE. ROBINSON

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